

WATERBEACH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Recreation Users' Group** held on Thursday the 18th of November 2021 via zoom.

THOSE PRESENT / APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Present: Cllrs. Barbara Bull (BB); Clive Rabbett (CR); Martin Howlett (MH); Naomi Wright (NW)

Apologies: Cllrs. Brenda Robinson (BR) and Mick Bavester (MB)

Also Present: Robert Pinion - Groundsman and Belinda Westwood - Clerk

21/07

OPEN FORUM

No members wished to speak.

21/08

RESUMPTION OF ORGANIZED PLANS POST-LOCKDOWN - CHITTERING PLAY PARK

The two quotes were shared with the group:

Supplier A £ 34 143.00

Supplier B £ 41 762.09

It was discussed and suggested that the whole park would need to be redone as the play area from the ground up has fallen into disrepair, it is a concern weather enough children use the play park to warrant the amount needed for this costly repair.

The REC Users Group therefore propose that the gate be replaced, and the current surfacing be removed along with the climbing structure that is currently a health and safety risk. As a first step we the group suggest installing new grounding, a picnic bench, and replace the swings seats and chains on the current structure. The ride on toy can also be re-installed, once more money is made available the project can be expanded, as S106 funding is not an option for this project.

Proposed: Cllr CR

Seconded: Cllr BB

In Favour: 4

Abstentions: 0

Agenda Item for Council Meeting in December

21/09

RESUMPTION OF PLAYPARK IN CODY ROAD

A resident who was heading up this project, had resigned and the project was halted, the resident's association will need to re-instate this project. The Council are in support of this idea but would like a new approach from the resident's association. The clerk will contact the resident asking him to make a new application for this project.

21/10

SECTION 106 FUNDING AVAILABLE – SPENDING IDEAS

- The groundsman will provide a list of equipment and include a cost analysis for each item. This list will be taken to Council and the REC Users Group would then like to recommend to Council that an amount be allocated to servicing of or

purchasing of grounds equipment. The initial figure is suggested at £10 000.00 per year, which will be revisited after the cost analysis.

- The Supernova, in the children's play area has become a health and safety risk and has been condemned. We have sought quotations for repair, but the cost of repair is more costly than replacing the item. The RUG recommend that works are carried out urgently. It is recommended that we replace the item.
- Where the old halfpipe has been removed the ground is now uneven, Cllr. BB suggests that the area is finished off with something new, the clerk will set up a site visit with all interested parties, who can then suggest some equipment to be installed here.
- Basketball court lining to be redone, this has previously been agreed, the clerk to arrange this work to be done.

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- The sports pavilion upgrades to be prioritised, a site visit will be arranged and will include Elly to discuss all the needed repairs & updates. A report detailing all the necessary works will be drawn up by the Rec Users Group, with the findings of the site visit which will then be taken to the Council meeting in December to approve the start of this project.
- Tennis Court Fencing needs to be budgeted for out of the Precept.
- The clerk to order material to assist with the water problems running from the car park into the sports pavilion, the groundsman will send the details of the needed material to the Clerk.
- Teen Play area project, which was halted due to Covid will be revisited by Cllrs. BB and BR.

Meeting Closed: 8:45